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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please examine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

1. A headless method of deploying a communication system, wherein the system has a plurality of hardware resources including an interface for coupling to a wide area communication network comprising a plurality of network resources, at least a first packet bus for coupling to one or more packet-based devices and adapted for transferring packetized data to and from the system, at least a first time division multiplex (TDM) bus coupled to one or more telephony devices and adapted to be selectively coupled to the first packet bus and the wide area communication network, and a processor,

method comprising the steps of:

providing a deployment physical medium, wherein the deployment physical medium includes configuration data and software for operating the system to provide voice and packet-

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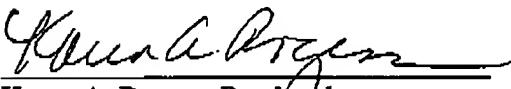
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